

RED CROSS PLEAS  
IN CHURCH TODAY

Drive for Fifteen Million  
Members Will Begin in  
U. S. Tomorrow.

## PLANS MADE HERE

Big Union Service Tonight  
in Hall Theater Marks  
Beginning.

With the delivery today of thousands of sermons from as many American pulpits, urging membership in the American Red Cross, the Christmas campaign of that organization for ten million new members will be formally started. The drive will continue until Christmas Eve, by which time it is expected that the total membership in the United States will reach fifteen millions at least.

As a part of the local campaign for members a mass meeting will be held at the Hall Theater at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The Rev. Dr. W. C. Bittling of the St. Louis Second Baptist Church will be the speaker. All of the Columbia churches have given up their evening services so that their members may attend this union meeting. The parents and wives of all men in the military and naval forces are invited to occupy seats on the platform at this meeting.

There will be talks on the Red Cross at the following churches in the county today:

St. Pleasant Baptist, the Rev. S. S. Keith, pastor, E. C. Anderson, S. F. Conley; Hunsdale Baptist, the Rev. G. W. Hatcher, pastor, W. M. Dinwiddie, J. E. Boggs; Pleasant Grove Baptist, the Rev. S. F. Taylor, pastor, J. C. Whitten, Dean Kirkenslager; Woodlandville Methodist, the Rev. J. M. Monroe, pastor, W. H. Sapp, L. M. DeJoy; Friendship Christian, the Dr. J. Wesley, pastor, W. L. Halberstadt, George Starrett; Fairview Methodist, the Rev. E. F. Farmer, pastor, H. M. McPheeters, Joseph Somerville; Harg, the Rev. A. W. Taylor, Dr. W. P. Dyar; Deer Park (afternoon), the Rev. A. W. Taylor, Lee Walker; Ashland (night), the Reverend Elmore, Rev. A. W. Taylor, Lee Walker; Hallsville Methodist, the Rev. Fred Haynes, pastor; Rochepoint, N. T. Gentry, William R. Gentry, Jr.

Tomorrow will be Volunteer Day when applications for membership may be filled at any of the banks or the Y. M. C. A. Two hundred students of the Columbia High School and the University High School will be on the main business streets during the day to take memberships and to distribute Red Cross service flags. Special teams will be assigned to the Courthouse, City Hall, Athens Hotel, Daniel Boone Tavern, Guitler Building, Exchange National Bank Building, and Postoffice. There will also be teams of University students in all of the University buildings. The committee in charge of this matter is composed of the following University students: Fred Suddarth, chairman; George Irion, J. B. Carls, J. R. MacKay, D. N. Parry, Morris Dry, Baxter Bond, L. C. Loxter, M. N. Witt, Marjorie Carpenter, Meryl Level, Mary McDaniel, Irma Locke, Katherine King, Margaret Millon.

## STATEMENT ON M. U. CREDITS

Relating Regarding Those Students  
Who Leave University.

Regarding credits for students who have to leave the University before the close of this semester, President A. Ross Hill has issued the following announcement on behalf of the University faculty:

In the case of students who, on nomination of the University, attend the Third Officers' Training Camp, credit for the semester's work will be given based upon the quality of their work up to the time of their excuse to enter the training camp. As this camp opens January 5, 1918, these students will not be required to return at the close of the Christmas vacation unless there is some delay in opening the officers' training camp. In cases of students leaving the University to enter the military or naval service of the Federal Government where they have completed practically all of their work for graduation, the question of credit will be determined by the committee of deans.

All communications and credentials of service, etc., should be addressed to the registrar, who is secretary of this committee.

In other cases of excuse from the University before the close of this semester, the matter of credit will be determined by the general rule of the University faculty, which permits a teacher to report to the registrar a fraction of the normal number of hours' credit announced for the course, if the work of the student is not lower than M grade.

Special consideration is recommended for those who go into direct military or naval service.

Mr. Stephens on Southern Trip.  
E. W. Stephens will leave today for Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., where he will attend meetings of the Southern Railway Association. He expects to return to Columbia Friday.

## THE CALENDAR

Dec. 16.—Seven more shopping days before Christmas.  
Dec. 17.—Miss Ella V. Dobbs will speak on "The Junior Red Cross" at 7:30 p. m., in the Missouri Union Building.  
Dec. 17.—Meeting of Play Reading Club at Faculty Union at 7:30 p. m. Houghton's "Hindle Wakes" will be read.  
Dec. 21.—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.  
Jan. 3.—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.  
Jan. 14.—Farmer's Week.

## COAL FAMINE IN U. S.

Fuel Administration Aroused  
by Nation's Suffering by  
Car Shortage.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Reports of Nation-wide suffering due to lack of coal stirred Fuel Administration officials today to redouble efforts to relieve supplies held on tracks by car congestion. Orders went forth to Fuel Administration representatives in the Middle West to make every attempt to move coal to points in many instances to places where deferred shipments were bringing the people face to face with an actual coal famine.

Tonight Fuel Administrator Garfield named C. R. Moriarty of Cleveland general director of the Middle Western Coal Shippers' Terminal Coal Association and gave him full power and authority to supervise transportation.

L. Homer Johnson, federal fuel administrator for Ohio, reported from Cleveland tonight that he had started sixty carloads of coal into that city, where 100,000 men were idle today because of the shutting down of plants lacking power. Mr. Johnson, who has been given full powers in the matter of distribution, said he would supply householders first, even if it forced industry to close down.

## M. U. GETS CARLOAD OF COAL

Shipment Arrived Yesterday and More  
Is Expected Early This Week.

One carload of coal was received by the University late Saturday afternoon and more is expected the first of the week. A. L. Westcott, superintendent of buildings, says that transportation difficulties are proving serious everywhere. Practically all of the buildings on the East and West Campuses were closed yesterday because heat could not be furnished. Parker Memorial Hospital and Academic Hall were the only buildings at all supplied with heat. Mr. Westcott says that the coal is now here and that which is expected will relieve the difficulty this week.

## TO AID BABY BOND SALE

J. P. McBaine Names War Savings  
Committees.

J. P. McBaine, Boone County manager of the War Savings Certificates campaign, has appointed the following committees to aid in the sale of certificates:

Women's organization of Columbia: Mrs. Rosa R. Ingels, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Stephenson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Woodson Moss, Mrs. C. B. Rollins, Mrs. E. W. Stephens, Mrs. L. D. Shobe, Mrs. J. G. Babb, Mrs. John N. Taylor, Mrs. Bernard Hunt, Mrs. Berry McAlester, Mrs. J. P. McBaine, Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. J. N. Belcher, Mrs. H. H. Banks, Mrs. Herbert Sill, Mrs. J. E. Thornton, Mrs. W. E. Harsh, Mrs. Marion Hertig, Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Mrs. C. B. Bowling.

Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company: J. E. Tehan, chairman; W. H. Braselton, H. Jennings, Mrs. E. Baker, William Kahle, H. S. Bleher, A. L. Jones, L. Phillips, Ralph McCabe.

Negro committee: J. B. Coleman, chairman; J. E. Jones, vice-chairman; Harvey Renfro, secretary; Bart Akers, Arthur Strawn, Henry Kirkin, Matt Douglass, W. H. Turner, Alex Hicks, J. P. Washington, Dr. Q. E. Moore, Rev. E. F. Redd, Rev. G. M. Tillman, Rev. F. D. Mitchell, Rev. Griffin, Christopher Hicks, Fred Jackson, George Mitchell, Austin Freeman.

University committee: A. C. Lanier, chairman; F. Louise Nardin, vice-chairman; O. M. Stewart, secretary; H. G. Brown, Marjorie Carpenter, Frank Chambers, J. H. Coursault, D. H. Dole, M. E. Dry, H. L. Kempster, A. Ross Hill, E. R. James, J. C. Jones, George Lefevre, Isidor Loeb, E. J. McCaustland, Guy L. Noyes, G. H. Robinson, Charles G. Ross, G. H. Sabine, Louise Stanley, Walter Williams, J. C. Whitten.

## Nebraska Regent Under Fire

Frank L. Haller, president of the University of Nebraska board of regents, against whom charges of pro-German leanings have been made, has resigned as president of the board. Mr. Haller stated that his resignation does not terminate his service as a member of the board, but merely the presidency.

## Ex-Car Has Not Escaped.

By Associated Press  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—An official denial was made at the Smolny headquarters this afternoon that Nicholas Romanoff had escaped from Tobolsk.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TO HAVE BIG FEAST

Pioneer Dinner January 8 to  
Observe Centennial and  
Famous Battle.

## NOTED MEN COMING

Bishop D. S. Tuttle, Judge  
John F. Philips and Others  
Will Attend.

The State Historical Society of Missouri will celebrate at its fifteenth and largest annual meeting January 8, 1918, the centennial of Missouri, as well as the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, as is the custom of the organization. On January 8, 1818, 40,000 Missourians presented their petition for statehood to Congress. The society will commemorate the event with a pioneer dinner of 100 years ago in the Gothic Room of the Boone Tavern.

On the same night, through the efforts of Champ Clark, the Missouri Society in Washington, D. C., will hold a banquet.

## To Serve "Possum and Taters."

The dinner here will be a roast turkey, possum, sweet potato affair, with pumpkin pie, ginger cookies, cider—all the things that our grandmothers made. Mrs. E. W. Stephens has charge of the menu.

Following the custom of one hundred years ago the place of, toastmaster will be filled by the president of the day, vice-president of the day and chairman. They will be respectively, W. R. Painter of Jefferson City, E. N. Hopkins of Lexington and Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis. The banquet is for members of the society, the Centennial Committee of One Thousand and those interested in Missouri history. Provisions will be made for 250 persons at \$1 a plate.

## Reception and Lunch Planned.

In addition, following the regular meetings in the morning, the Commercial Club will give a luncheon at 12 o'clock for the members of the society and the Committee of One Thousand. At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon a reception will be held on the Mezzanine Floor of the Boone Tavern.

Prominent Missourians have been asked to be speakers of the day and evening. Those who have accepted are: Walter B. Stevens of St. Louis, president of the State Historical Society; Bishop D. S. Tuttle of St. Louis, who will give the invocation; Cornelius Roach of Jefferson City, who will talk on "Missouri Statesmen of One Hundred Years Ago;" W. R. Gentry of St. Louis, on "The Missouri Soldier One Hundred Years Ago;" Captain John B. White of Kansas City, on "The Missouri Merchant One Hundred Years Ago;" Archbishop John J. Glennon of St. Louis, on "The Missouri Priest One Hundred Years Ago;" Judge W. K. James of St. Joseph, on "The Missouri Judge One Hundred Years Ago;" Major H. W. Loeb, M. R. C. of St. Louis, on "The Missouri Doctor One Hundred Years Ago."

## Women on Program.

Mrs. George A. Still of Kirksville will speak on "The Missouri Woman One Hundred Years Ago;" Miss T. C. Gecks, president of the State Teachers' Association, of St. Louis, on "The Missouri Schoolhouse and Teacher One Hundred Years Ago;" Judge John F. Philips of Kansas City, on "The Missouri Lawyer One Hundred Years Ago;" George S. Johns of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, on "Missouri Journalism of One Hundred Years Ago;" Walter S. Dicke, of Kansas City, on "Missouri Transportation One Hundred Years Ago;" and Dr. A. Ross Hill, on "One Hundred Years of Missouri Education."

## NAVAL RECRUIT HANGS SELF

L. H. Price of Neosho Found Dead at  
Great Lakes Station.

By Associated Press  
GREAT LAKES, ILL., Dec. 15.—L. H. Price, an 18-year-old naval recruit from Neosho, Mo., committed suicide by hanging. His body was found today.

## Ten Christian College Girls Honored.

Epsilon Nu Delta, honor scholarship sorority at Christian College, has taken in ten new members. The sorority was founded in 1915. Besides requiring a high average of scholarship, a candidate must not be lower in rank than junior and must have shown qualities of leadership in student activities. The new members are: From the senior class, Anne Hickman, Flemingsburg, Ky.; Sarah Vivion, Columbia; May Estes Turner, Eufaula, Okla.; Clarissa Patterson, Canton; Katherine Norris, Marion, Ind.; Ruth Whaley, Kahoka; from the junior class, Doris Seaman, Tulsa, Okla.; Lena Hillix, Camden Point; Mamie Baldwin, Kingman, Kan.; Helen Moore, Galena, Kan.

## Thirteen not a "Hoodoo" Here.

Thirteen hospital shirts were made Thursday, the thirteenth of December, by thirteen members of the Banks School Mothers' Club. The thirteen members were entertained at the home of Mrs. Sam Smith. All the women are members of the Red Cross society.

WAR COUNCIL PLAN  
IS ADOPTED BY U. S.

Secretary Baker Announces  
New Method of Handling  
Armies' Needs.

## TO SOLVE PROBLEM

All Matters Pertaining to  
Equipment Will Be Co-  
Ordinated.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Organization of a war council of the War Department to co-ordinate all matters of supplies for the armies at home and overseas and the military relations between the armies in the field and the department was announced tonight by Secretary Baker.

Composing the council are the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of War, the chief of staff and Major General Henry G. Sharpe, quartermaster general; Major General Erasmus M. Weaver, chief of coast artillery; Major General William Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Major General Enoch P. Crowder, provost marshal general.

Mr. Baker's announcement said that when General Bliss, chief of staff, who participated in the inter-allied war conference, returns from Europe he will bring to the new organization here knowledge of conditions which affect all branches of the service, and that from time to time the members will be ordered to the front to make observations for the information of the council.

The secretary said the council will act through the chief of staff of the Army and will not take over the specialized duties of the general staff or the war college.

"It is intended," he added, "to bring to the larger problems of the department not only the experience, but the general training of the officers most matured both in years and service experience."

## ALLIES' MORALE FINE, HE SAYS

Colonel E. M. House and Mission Return From Conference.

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"What the American mission was sent to accomplish at the inter-allied war conference in Paris, has been successfully and satisfactorily done," was the message brought to the American people by Colonel E. M. House, head of the mission, who returned to the United States today with four of his colleagues.

The return of the party was void of exultation. After advising the press of the mission's arrival, Colonel House motored to his home, where he later announced that the mission's reports already had been dispatched by special messenger to the State Department at Washington. The reports sent, which included that of Colonel House, will be supplemented by the colonel's personal report to President Wilson. He said he would go to Washington Monday.

"In England and France the influence of the United States is paramount," said Colonel House. "In most countries the morale is splendid—the best I have observed on any of my three trips abroad since the beginning of the war."

Through the elimination of speech making and entertainment, both of a public and private nature, Colonel House said the inter-allied war conference accomplished its full purpose at three sittings. "At their termination," he said, "the supreme war council, an outgrowth of these deliberations, completed its work in four weeks' time."

The prime ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy and Colonel House, together with their military aids were the only ones participating in the supreme war council. The others who had taken part in the first conference were assigned to membership on various committees, and thus everyone had a specific task to accomplish. These committees dealt with food embargoes, finance and other subjects.

## ADVISES WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR

College of Agriculture Shows How Its  
Use Will Conserve Food Supply.

A news bulletin of the College of Agriculture explains that an additional 13 per cent of wheat is saved when bread is made with whole wheat flour. "Whole wheat flour," it reads, "is recommended in war bread because white flour may be saved by using it. In the modern process of milling, only 72 per cent of the wheat grain is used for white patent flour. The rest is sold as bran or shorts for stock food. Whole wheat flour contains 85 per cent of the wheat grain, which means that the supply of wheat can feed more people if used in this form."

## Station Issues Report.

The Agricultural Experiment Station at Columbia has recently issued an annual report for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1917. This report is several months earlier than in former years. It gives a brief record of the progress of investigational work carried on by the station.

## THE WEATHER

Report Issued Saturday.  
For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair and slightly warmer Sunday; lowest temperature zero; 30 to 35 above Sunday.  
For Missouri: Generally fair Sunday; slowly rising temperature.

Weather Conditions.  
The weather still is cold everywhere, but west of the Mississippi River it is slowly moderating. Traveling from the Canadian border southward we would find zero conditions along the border and south including Iowa; 8 to 10 above zero in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma; 18 above in Central Texas, and 50 on the South Texas coast. East of the Mississippi the cold wave extends from Canada to Florida.

More than half of the country from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic is covered with snow.  
There now is beginning a shift in the general distribution of the great atmospheric waves that control our weather, which is favorable for a slow but steady rise in temperature during the next two or three days in Missouri.

Even the Weather Bureau suffers from the cold weather. The plant in Switzer Hall was "frozen up" yesterday morning. At the bottom of the typewritten weather forecast was this note: "No map issued today; cold office, cold press, cold ink, cold pressman, etc."

## KAISER TALKS PEACE

Says He Will Give Allies a  
Chance to End War Before  
1918 Starts.

By Associated Press  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, in his Christmas message, proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom, in case of refusal, will fall the responsibility for the bloodshed in 1918," according to unofficial Berlin dispatches forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

## SORORITY GIRLS SELL SEALS

1,900 Disposed Of on First Day of  
Campaign.

Nineteen hundred Red Cross Seals sold the first day of the anti-tuberculosis stamp sale! That is the record made by eight members of the Chi Omega sorority yesterday at the Postoffice on the opening day of the Red Cross seal campaign. Four hundred stamps were disposed of by members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at their chapter house during the day. The following from the Chi Omega sorority sold the seals in two-hour shifts: Misses Josephine Hollebaugh, Cora V. Schuette, Madge Dickerson, Ruth Johnson, Virginia Cason, Lorna Weightman, Enid Putnam and Ethel M. Hambley.

"Nineteen dollars' worth of seal sales in one day at the Postoffice is completely 'over the top,'" said Mrs. W. E. Harsh, chairman of the committee having the campaign in charge, "and we are encouraged to believe the sales will be large all of next week also."

The seals are on sale at the Co-operative store in the basement of Academic Hall and on Monday will also be sold in the corridors of Academic Hall by members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. On the same day the Delta Delta Delta sorority will have charge of the work at the Postoffice.

## AMERICAN REPORTED ARRESTED

Report Says Bolsheviks Hold Member  
of Railroad Commission.

By Associated Press  
PETROGRAD (Friday).—Charles S. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John S. Stevens, head of the American Railroad Commission to Russia, is reported to have been arrested at Tchita in Siberia in company with M. Oustrouff, former assistant minister of railroads, who is held by the Bolsheviks as a member of the provisional government.

Ambassador Francis has telegraphed to the American consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene at the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, but it was stated that, if the American had been arrested, it was a mistake and he would be immediately released.

The St. Louis man referred to probably is Charles H. Smith, former valuation engineer of the Missouri Pacific, who went to Russia with the American Railroad Commission.

## PLANS WORK FOR AMENDMENT

Columbia Equal Suffrage League Ap-  
points Committee.

The Columbia Equal Suffrage League at its meeting Friday night appointed a committee to head the campaign in the coming work for the passage of the Federal Amendment for woman suffrage.

Mrs. W. E. Harsh was elected chairman and Mrs. Rosa Ingels representative for the local society. The meeting was concluded with a social gathering.

GERMANY SAYS PEACE  
PACT IS FORMULATED

Amsterdam Hears That Rus-  
sians Have Gone Further  
Than Armistice.

## NO INTEREST SHOWN

People at Home Busy With  
Council—Situation in  
South Confused.

By Associated Press  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement received here today.

This is the first intimation that the Russian and German delegates have carried their deliberations further than the consideration of an armistice.

The formulation of a treaty would be preceded by a definite conclusion of peace and a settlement of terms. It is possible that the word "treaty" was used in the Amsterdam dispatch is a loose translation from the German, and that the statement refers to an armistice agreement.

## People Interested in Assembly.

By Associated Press  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Press dispatches from Petrograd throw little light on the military situation in Southern Russia. The official statements issued in Petrograd are confusing and there are various reports regarding General Kaledines and General Korniloff, whose present whereabouts and fortunes are not known definitely. The people of Petrograd are said to be more interested in the attitude of the Bolsheviks toward the constituent assembly than in the Russo-German negotiations or the civil war in the south.

## Big Guns Transferred to Italy.

By Associated Press

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN  
NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 15.—The enemy has brought a large number of his heaviest guns to the Piave and northern front and the bombardment has taken on increased range and violence. Some of the shells have reached Mancino, eight miles back of the Piave line, and a few miles from the city of Treviso.

Four hundred of these monster projectiles were concentrated on one point. General Diaz, Italian commander-in-chief, summed up the results of the struggle of the last three days in the north by saying that the enemy secured an insignificant stretch of ground at the cost of an immense sacrifice of blood.

## Germans Take Col Baprilie.

By Associated Press

ROME, Dec. 15.—After an all-day battle yesterday on the Italian mountain front, the enemy reached Col Baprilie, the war office announced today. Nightfall stopped the fighting. The Italian troops held firmly to positions a little to the rear of Col Baprilie.

## Germans Claim 3,000 Prisoners.

By Associated Press

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—More than 3,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austro-German forces during the fighting of the last few days on the Italian front between the Brenta and Piave rivers, army headquarters announced today. Some captures of guns and machine guns were also effected. Italian counter-attacks against positions taken were repulsed.

## The Man Power of Austria.

By Associated Press

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN  
FRANCE, Dec. 15.—The total man power of Austria-Hungary's armies, the latest enemy of America, now has reached 1,170 battalions of infantry, 240 squadrons of cavalry, 2,950 field guns, 1,500 light howitzers and 822 heavy guns, according to approximately exact figures obtained today by a correspondent.

## GERMANS MASS MEN IN WEST

Correspondent Says 150 Divisions  
Are Facing the Allies.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The military correspondent of the Times estimates there are about 150 German divisions on the western front and 79 on the eastern front, and apparently all men between 19 and 35 years old are being withdrawn from the latter point for service in the west.

The writer concurs in the opinion that the Germans are probably trying to settle matters in the west before Russia recovers and America is ready, hoping to deliver a decision this winter or in the spring.

## Young Army Officer Coming.

Lieutenant Philip E. Bradley, who was graduated from the University in June, 1915, will arrive in Columbia tomorrow from St. Louis. Lieutenant Bradley, who is on leave of absence from the Presidio at San Francisco, is the youngest commissioned officer at the Presidio, having received his commission at the age of 21 years. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.